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1. SINCE BLOOMFIELD'S DISCUSSION ON JULY 5 WITH
AMBASSADORS BECKMAN, FIGUERERO AND DESMARAS OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY, WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER WORD FROM THE GOA ON
FOLLOW-UP TO THE BRASILIA MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (WGSTT).

2. SHORTLY AFTER THE BRASILIA MEETING THE JAMACIAN
EMBASSY INFORMED US THAT THE GOJ WAS NOT IN A POSITION
TO HOST SUB-GROUP I AND WAS ASKING TRINIDAD TO ACCEPT
THE RESPONSIBILITY.

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3. BRAZILIAN EMBASSY INFORMALLY TOLD US JULY 22 THAT THEY ARE PLANNING TO HOLD THE SESSION OF SUB-GROUP III IN BRASILIA ON AUGUST 20 - 30 AND THAT FORMAL NOTIFICATION WOULD BE COMMUNICATED VIA THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN OFFICE. NO SUCH NOTIFICATION HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED. WE ARE INFORMALLY TELLING THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY THAT OUR DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY SCI ACTING DIRECTOR JOHN GRANGER AND INQUIRING WHETHER THE MEETING COULD OPEN ON MONDAY,

AUGUST 26 BECAUSE DR. GRANGER HAS COMMITMENTS WHICH MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO GET AWAY ON AUGUST 20.

4. IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT SOME MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, REQUEST APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIAL CALL ON MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF BA-MFM PREPARATIONS AND CONVEY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE TO EACH OF THE FOUR SUB-GROUPS:

SUB-GROUP I -- MR. JAMES R. FOWLER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, AID.

SUB-GROUP II -- DR. RUSSELL C. DREW, DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OFFICE, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

SUB-GROUP III -- DR. JOHN GRANGER, ACTING DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

SUB-GROUP IV -- AMBASSADOR WILLIAM G. BOWDLER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

YOU SHOULD ASK THAT THIS LIST BE TRANSMITTED TO ALL THE GOVERNMENTS. NAMES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE FURNISHED SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. ALSO REQUEST THAT EMBASSY OFFICIAL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF ORGANIZATION OF SUB-GROUPS. WE WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS:
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(A) WE UNDERSTAND THAT JAMACIA HAS DECLINED TO HOST SUB-GROUP I AND IS TRYING TO GET TRINIDAD TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY. HAS THIS CHANGE BEEN AGREED TO?

(B) HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS SERVING AS HOSTS FOR SUB-GROUPS NAMED THE PERSON WHO WILL HEAD EACH GROUP AND TAKEN STEPS TO SCHEDULE ANY MEETINGS? WHO ARE SUB-GROUP

LEADERS AND WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE MEETINGS BE HELD?

6. FOR GUATEMALA CITY, SANTIAGO AND PORT-OF-SPAIN:
UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE
DISCREET, INFORMAL INQUIRIES AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
ASCERTAIN WHAT PREPARATIONS THEY ARE MAKING FOR SUB-GROUP
MEETINGS. IN CASE OF TRINIDAD, EMBASSY SHOULD FIRST
DETERMINE WHETHER GOTT HAS AGREED TO HOST SUB-GROUP I.
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